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More than 15 civilian performers, including the Patriots Jet Team and the Oracle Challenger, wowed audiences with aerial stunts at this years air show.

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Marines mark 50 years in space

Story by Staff Sgt. Donald Bohanner

In the 1950s, the United States created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, better known as NASA. Right away, the United States began competing against Russia to explore space in what was later called the 'space race.'

Over the subsequent years of exploration, America remained at the forefront of space discovery with its brave astronauts leading the way. Many of these astronauts were among the few and the proud, gaining much of their expertise and courage from the time they served in the United States Marine Corps.

Marines, in fact, have proven to be pivotal figures in U.S. space exploration history since its inception. On February 20, 1962, Lt. Col. John Glenn launched to the heavens to begin his historic flight to orbit the Earth, thus beginning the Marine Corps' presence in the space program. Launched by an Atlas rocket from

Cape Canaveral in his "Friendship 7" spacecraft, he orbited Earth three times, becoming the first American to circumnavigate the globe. A half century ago, the only other living Mercury astronaut, M. Scott Carpenter, called out the memorable line before the rocket ignited, "Godspeed John Glenn." Thus launched America and the Marine Corps into space and to the moon.

In 1968, the first manned mission in the American Apollo space program was commanded, in part, by a veteran Marine colonel, a fighter pilot named R. Walter Cunningham. Cunningham and two others manned the spacecraft in orbit around the Earth to check life-support, propulsion and control systems of the newly redesigned spacecraft.

In addition to these notable Marines, more than 20 others have played critical parts in the execution and advancement of U.S. space

exploration missions. Marines have served in pivotal operations to orbit the Earth, land on the moon, conduct necessary space experiments and advance space technology.

In recent history, President Barack Obama named retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr., the administrator of NASA. Bolden, a Marine aviator and test pilot who served for 36 years, logged more than 6,000 hours of flying time and conducted numerous test flights for new Marine aircraft during his career.

While Marines are known for showing their prowess on land, air and sea, Marines will continue to extend their reach beyond this atmosphere and into the unknown realm of space. Although the space shuttle program has come to an end, Marines, undoubtedly, will continue to be pioneers for America's future exploration of space.

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Opening ceremony launches 2012 MCAS Miramar Air Show



Honored guests salute during the National Anthem at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13.



The Marine Corps Air Station Miramar color guard marches during the opening ceremony at the 2012 MCAS Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12.

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Above: Parachuters with the U.S. Army Golden Knights perform as part of the opening ceremony during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. Left: Col. John P. Farnam, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, gives a speech during the opening ceremony of the 2012 MCAS Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. Farnam introduced the theme of the air show, Marines in Flight: Celebrating 50 Years of Space Exploration.



NASA administrator returns for 2012 MCAS Miramar Air Show

Story by Staff Sgt. Donald Bohanner

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr., current NASA administrator, delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. This year's theme is "Marines in Flight: Celebrating 50 years of space exploration."

"The theme this year is awesome," said Bolden. "50 years of Marines in space is really special to me, and I'm honored that we would be chosen to be honored this year."

Bolden, a Marine aviator, test pilot and former commanding general of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, served for 36 years and logged more than 6,000 hours of flying time in support of Marine Corps flight operations and aircraft testing.

"The transformation for a Marine aviator to NASA gave me an opportunity to take the Marine Corps to the space program," explained Bolden. "Taking our leadership principals that we learn, our care for our Marines and subsequently applying that to our people in NASA."

Bolden was selected and designated an astronaut by NASA in 1981 and flew four space flights and logged more than 680 hours in space.

"I did something I never dreamed of doing," said Bolden. "I never dreamed of being

a Marine or an astronaut, but while I was at the Naval Academy, I was so impressed by my first commanding officer that I said, 'I want to be like him,' and he happened to be a Marine."

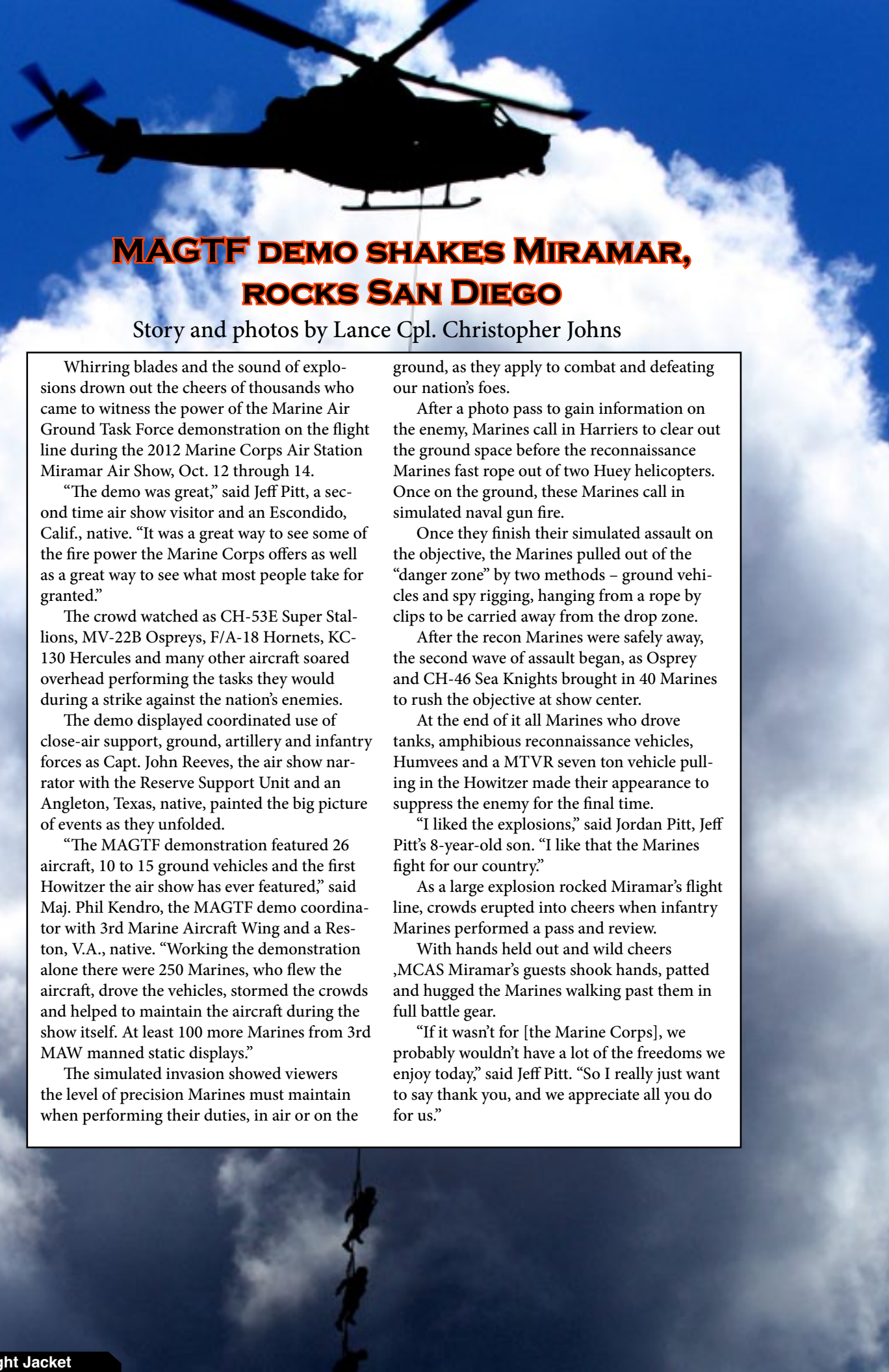
Returning back to Miramar after 10 years, Bolden reflected over all the changes he witnessed at the air show.

"The biggest difference is the crowd," said Bolden. "As I look down the flight line and I see all the people and attractions, I don't remember the [Air Show] being this big. With the added [Marine Air Ground Task Force] demonstration, the people get an incredible opportunity to see every aspect of Marines in the air, on the ground and in logistics."

The performers and size of the air show may have changed, but the support of the local community is as strong as Bolden remembers.

"The greatest aspect of returning is the warmth and welcome of the community," Bolden said. "When I was the commanding general here, we were working our way into the favor of the community, but now, we have proven ourselves as legitimate and valued members of the community."





MAGTF DEMO SHAKES MIRAMAR, ROCKS SAN DIEGO

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Christopher Johns

Whirring blades and the sound of explosions drown out the cheers of thousands who came to witness the power of the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration on the flight line during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12 through 14.

"The demo was great," said Jeff Pitt, a second time air show visitor and an Escondido, Calif., native. "It was a great way to see some of the fire power the Marine Corps offers as well as a great way to see what most people take for granted."

The crowd watched as CH-53E Super Stallions, MV-22B Ospreys, F/A-18 Hornets, KC-130 Hercules and many other aircraft soared overhead performing the tasks they would during a strike against the nation's enemies.

The demo displayed coordinated use of close-air support, ground, artillery and infantry forces as Capt. John Reeves, the air show narrator with the Reserve Support Unit and an Angleton, Texas, native, painted the big picture of events as they unfolded.

"The MAGTF demonstration featured 26 aircraft, 10 to 15 ground vehicles and the first Howitzer the air show has ever featured," said Maj. Phil Kendro, the MAGTF demo coordinator with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and a Reston, V.A., native. "Working the demonstration alone there were 250 Marines, who flew the aircraft, drove the vehicles, stormed the crowds and helped to maintain the aircraft during the show itself. At least 100 more Marines from 3rd MAW manned static displays."

The simulated invasion showed viewers the level of precision Marines must maintain when performing their duties, in air or on the

ground, as they apply to combat and defeating our nation's foes.

After a photo pass to gain information on the enemy, Marines call in Harriers to clear out the ground space before the reconnaissance Marines fast rope out of two Huey helicopters. Once on the ground, these Marines call in simulated naval gun fire.

Once they finish their simulated assault on the objective, the Marines pulled out of the "danger zone" by two methods – ground vehicles and spy rigging, hanging from a rope by clips to be carried away from the drop zone.

After the recon Marines were safely away, the second wave of assault began, as Osprey and CH-46 Sea Knights brought in 40 Marines to rush the objective at show center.

At the end of it all Marines who drove tanks, amphibious reconnaissance vehicles, Humvees and a MTRV seven ton vehicle pulling in the Howitzer made their appearance to suppress the enemy for the final time.

"I liked the explosions," said Jordan Pitt, Jeff Pitt's 8-year-old son. "I like that the Marines fight for our country."

As a large explosion rocked Miramar's flight line, crowds erupted into cheers when infantry Marines performed a pass and review.

With hands held out and wild cheers, MCAS Miramar's guests shook hands, patted and hugged the Marines walking past them in full battle gear.

"If it wasn't for [the Marine Corps], we probably wouldn't have a lot of the freedoms we enjoy today," said Jeff Pitt. "So I really just want to say thank you, and we appreciate all you do for us."



Above: An AV-8B Harrier prepares to take off during the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration, a portion of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. In a combat zone, the Harrier provides flexible, swift and powerful support from the skies above as infantry Marines battle America's foes. Right: An infantry Marine, from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., patrols after a controlled explosion as part of the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. The demonstration displays the different aspects of a MAGTF. (Photo by Sgt. Sarah Fiocco.)



Above: An explosive detonates during the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration, a portion of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. The MAGTF demonstration shows the power the Marine Corps has in a combat zone from the ground and sky.

Right: Crowds extend their hands and cheer as infantry Marines perform a final pass and review after the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. These Marines made their appearance as the ground element force, suppressing the enemy on land while aircraft provide cover fire from above.



Left: A CH-53E Super Stallion lifts an armored vehicle during the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration, a portion of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. Aircraft like the Super Stallion provide troops on the ground necessary support when performing specific missions overseas.



Right: An infantry Marine, from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., provides security as part of the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. The demonstration displays the different aspects of a MAGTF.

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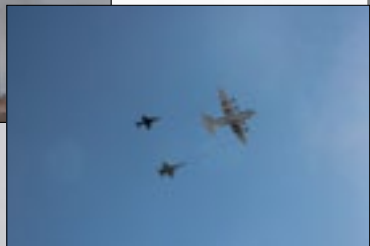
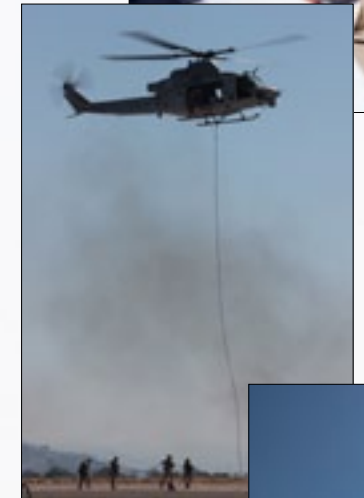
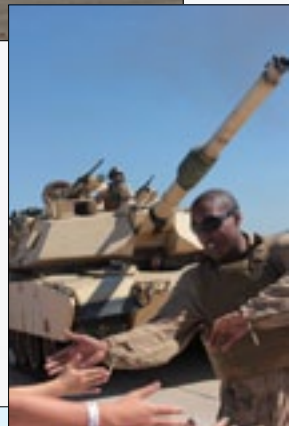
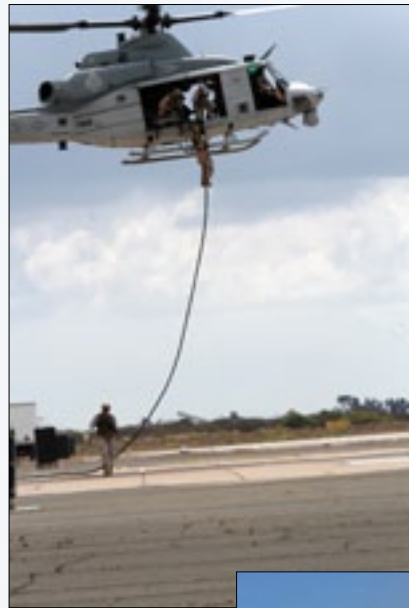
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Blue Angels in flight: afternoon delight

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Rebecca Eller

The buzz of the F/A-18 Hornets overpower the loud cheers from spectators as the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron performs jaw-dropping aerobatic maneuvers.

Eyes were glued and heads turned to follow the Navy Blue Angels soar through the sky during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12 through 14.

"We're really excited to be back at MCAS Miramar," said Capt. Benjamin Blanton, Blue Angels C-130 Hercules pilot. "This is one of our premiere military show sites throughout the year. It's great to be performing in front of Marines, the community and in front of their families."

The Blue Angels is comprised of 16 officers who serve voluntarily. With 65 years of aerobatic flying, the mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance Navy recruiting and credibly represent Navy and Marine Corps aviation.

Katie Actkinson, an air show attendee, said her favorite part of the air show is watching the Navy Blue Angels because of their precision and refined movement.

The Blue Angels also enjoy the show as much as the audience, they just experience a different perspective.

"The most rewarding part is to interact with people," said Blanton. "Through our interactions, we can see how excited they are, how proud they are to be American, and how proud they are in their service members."

The Blue Angels not only fly F/A-18s, but a C-130, known as "Fat Albert." Fat Albert joined the team in 1970 and is made up of eight Marines who operate the aircraft.

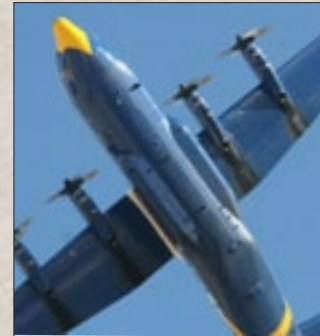
"When it came to in 1970, it was right about the time when the Fat Albert cartoon was popular," said Blanton. "The Fat Albert name was because some of the kids thought the belly looked like the cartoon."

The Blue Angles performed their famous aerial demonstration during the air show, leaving spectators entertained.

"We demonstrate pride, professionalism and teamwork - the embodiment of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and we take it to the American public," said Blanton.



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The Navy Blue Angels C-130 “Fat Albert” flies overhead during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. The C-130 was integrated into the team in 1970.



The crew of the C-130 known as “Fat Albert” after their performance during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Oct. 12 through 14. The Blue Angels are comprised of 16 volunteer officers. Their mission is to enhance Navy recruiting and credibly represent Navy and Marine Corps aviation.



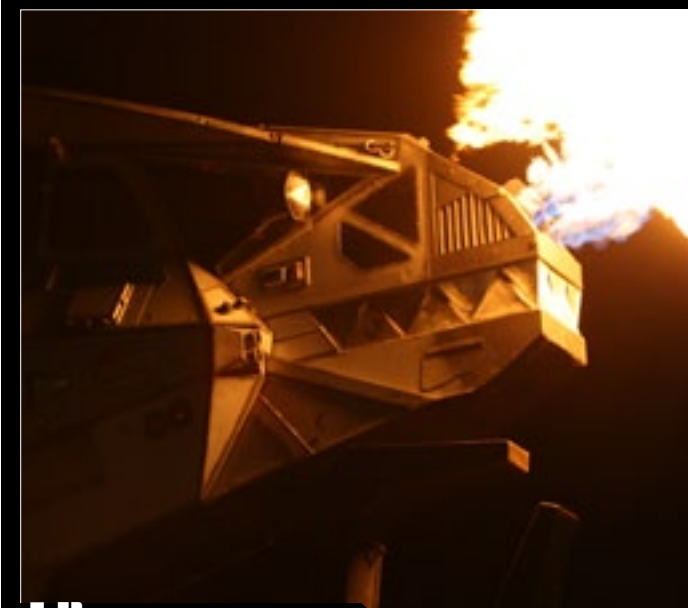
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MCAS Miramar Air Show fired up for twilight performances



Above: Flames explode behind the Navy Blue Angels' F/A-18 Hornets during the night portion of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. The wall of fire is the last event of the night air show. Below: Robosaurus, the car crushing dinosaur robot, lights up the sky during the twilight show at 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. Robosaurus breathes fire using flame throwers and has hydraulically activated arms, grasping claws and jaws. (Photo by Sgt. Sarah Fiocco.) Right: Fireworks burst behind the Blue Angel F/A-18 Hornets at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. The twilight show featured lights and fire behind the flight line.



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An MV-22B Osprey takes off from the flight line as part of the Level III demonstration during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. This demonstration allowed spectators to see the Osprey transition from helicopter to airplane mode. Inserts: An MV-22B Osprey lands on the flight line as part of the Level III demonstration during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12.



Video created by Cpl. Isaac Lamberth



Real-life Transformer:

Ospreys wow crowd in helicopter to airplane conversion

Story and photos by Sgt. Sarah Fiocco

Pilots with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, demonstrated the unique capabilities of the MV-22B Osprey to more than 500,000 aviation enthusiasts at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12 through 14.

The presentation allowed fans to get an up-close look at two Ospreys' abilities to transform from helicopter to airplane mode.

"It's a two-in-one aircraft," said Capt. Daniel Kaiser, an MV-22B Osprey pilot and a Vista, Calif., native. "We want to expose the public to what is in the Marine Corps' aviation inventory. Most people have a general idea of what the aircraft can do, but they've never seen it in person."

During the demonstration, pilots showcased the Osprey's ability to perform vertical and rolling takeoffs, high-speed passes at a maximum airspeed of 320 miles per hour and transitions from helicopter to airplane mode in midair.

The ultimate mission of the Osprey is to support the Marine Air Ground Task Force by providing assault support transport of combat troops, equipment and essential supplies.

"We use this aircraft to support the guys on the ground," explained Kaiser. "That's the air wing motto – to support the infantry guys."

The MV-22B accomplishes this with its ability to provide medium lift assault support, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, emergency evacuation, fleet logistics support, logistics support ashore, long-range logistics and medical evacuation.

The Osprey's performance wowed thousands who attended the air show.

"The demonstration was pretty exciting," said Eric Garcia, an air show spectator and a Temecula, Calif., native. "It shows the versatility of the aircraft. It's like a Transformer."

Civilian performances fill sky over 2012 MCAS Miramar Air Show



The Patriots Jet Team flies in a formation during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. The Patriots Jet Team is comprised of six L-39 jets. (Photo by Sgt. Sarah Fiocco.)



Two N2S aircraft perform with the Training Parade during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. Six different entities fly together to make up the Training Parade and showcase the aircraft used to train pilots. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Melissa Eschenbrenner.)



The Patriots Jet Team flies in formation during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. The Patriots fly in L-39 aircraft, specially adapted for aerial maneuvers. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Rebecca Eller.)



Dan Buchanan, an aviator of the Airwave Glider, soars with colored smoke and streamers during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. Although Buchanan became paralyzed in a sporting accident, he still flies the glider with lighted wings at heights upward of 17,000 feet. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Melissa Eschenbrenner.)



Sean Tucker, pilot of the Oracle Challenger, flies upside-down during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12. Tucker's performance kicked off Friday's air show. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Donald Bohanner.)



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A biplane flying in the sky, leaving a trail of white smoke.

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Marines, sailors reach out to community during air show



A Marine shows off a tank to the public at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show aboard MCAS Miramar, Oct. 12. This was one of more than 100 static displays available to the public.

A Marine shows off the cock pit of an AV-8B Harrier at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. As a part of the air show, many squadrons brought static displays of military vehicles and aircraft.



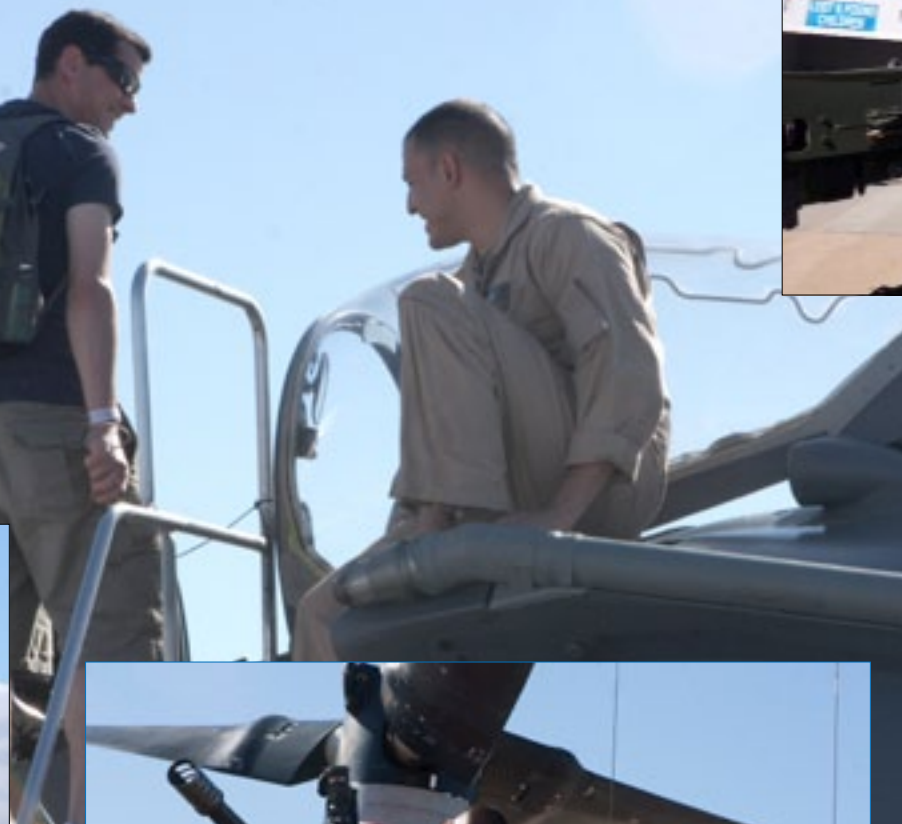
Above: A Marine with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 4 explains an RQ-7B Shadow that is on display during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13.



Above: Infantry Marines with the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration greet spectators during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. The MAGTAF is an explosive display simulating a combat assault.



Crowds of people flock to the grandstands during the Marine Air Ground Task Force Demonstration, Oct. 14. Approximately 500,000 people attended the 2012 Miramar Air Show, Oct. 12-14.

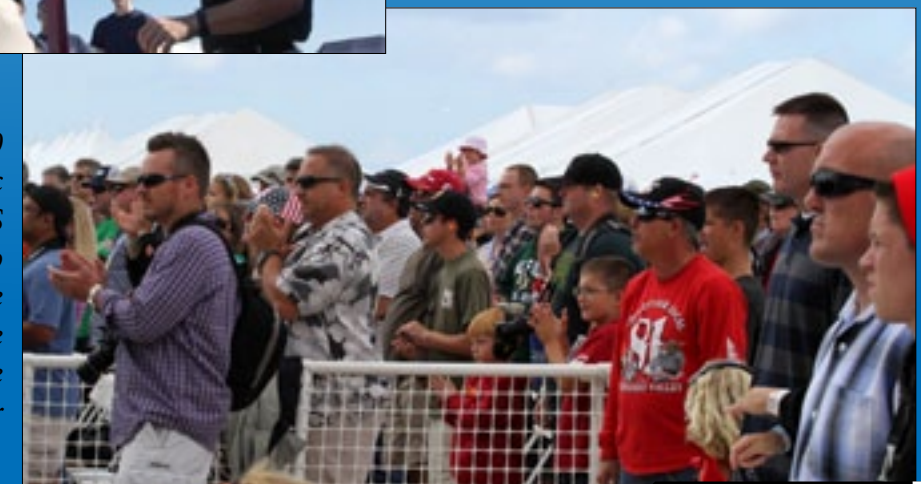


A Marine shows parts of an LAV-25A2 light armored vehicle during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14. The air show had static displays for spectators to view.



Left: A Marine counts how many pull ups a spectator completes at the Marine recruiting display at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 14.

More than 500,000 members of the public came aboard MCAS Miramar, Calif., to witness the Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration at the MCAS Miramar Air Show Oct. 12..



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MACG-38 displays gizmos, gadgets during air show

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Melissa Eschenbrenner

Marine Air Control Group 38 supported the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show with static displays of high-tech military equipment used on make-shift flight lines and unmanned aircraft.

Marine Air Control Squadron 1 showcased field equipment such as the Navigation Integration and Coordination System. The NAVICS is a mobile Air Traffic Control unit that provides support for departing, en route and landing aircraft in any weather.

This unit uses some of the featured equipment to provide safe landing conditions for pilots.

The static display allowed air-show visitors to get an up close look at all featured equipment, including a mobile ATC tower called a Remote Landing Sense Tower.

"The Remote Landing Sense Tower is a small, expeditionary radio communication tower," said Capt. James Terheyden, the detachment commander with MACS 1 and a San Francisco native. "It can be put on a Humvee and taken to remote landing strips or dirt landing strips."

The display also featured the RQ-7B Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle. The Shadow is equipped with a video to provide commanders with real-time reconnaissance views.

"It can't carry ordnance yet but it is equipped with a laser designator," said Sgt. Marcus Vancleave a UAV operator with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 3 and a Dresden, Tenn., native. "The laser can point to a location and guide ordnance from other aircraft to hit in that spot."

The display gave air show spectators the opportunity to see equipment used in field environments to those who were truly interest, explained Vancleave.

"I am excited to show people how we can aid planes at the air show," said Terheyden. "They don't usually see the 'linemen' of the wing."

The static display allowed air show attendees to leave with a greater understanding of what MACG-38 Marines do on a daily basis.

Marines with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 3 explain the capabilities of the RQ-7B Shadow to air show spectators during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air show, Oct. 13. Using the unmanned aircraft is a safer alternative than sending pilots and crews in to hostile territory.

Left: Marines with Marine Air Control 38 explain the capabilities of the Navigation Integration Coordination System during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. The NAVICS is a mobile Air Traffic Control unit that provides support for departing, en route and landing aircraft in any weather.



Above: Marines with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 3 explain the capabilities of the RQ-7B Shadow to air show spectators during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air show, Oct. 13. Using the unmanned aircraft is a safer alternative than sending pilots and crews in to hostile territory. Left: Marines with Marine Air Control 38 explain the capabilities of the Navigation Integration Coordination System during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13.

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4th MAW recruits for ‘Way Ahead’

Story and photos by Pfc. Raquel Barraza

The 4th Marine Aircraft Wing is looking for a few good men and women at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show aboard MCAS Miramar, Calif., Oct. 12 through the 14, as it recruits to support its “Way Ahead.”

The slogan focuses on the fact that the reserve unit will move one of its Marine medium tiltrotor squadrons with the MV-22 Osprey to MCAS Miramar. With this move in the near future, 4th MAW used the air show to recruit pilots and air wing Marines for the squadron.

“VMM-764 is moving to Miramar in January. Our main goal for this year’s air show is to get Marines for it,” said Lt. Col. Mike Pagano, the 4th MAW liaison officer and a Niagara Falls, N.Y., native.

This year, 4th MAW wanted to make a greater impact with its display and recruiting efforts at the air show.

“Last year was our first year and so many people were interested with the display. This year with the display, we wanted to try to recruit as many people as we can,” said Pagano.

The 4th MAW mission is to support the fleet Marine forces with anti-air warfare, offensive air support, assault support, electronic warfare and aerial reconnaissance.

“We have aircraft and vehicles with 4th MAW out here that we use to support our active duty squadrons,” said Capt. Jeff Stratton, a pilot with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 764 and Orlando, Fla., native. “4th MAW supports training like Mojave Viper in [Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center] 29 Palms.”

Although 4th MAW is a reserve wing, it functions as an active duty air wing with its training and flights.

“We fly everyday just like any other squadron and train just like they do in case they need our support,” said Stratton.

As a reserve Marine aviation unit, it provides many educational and job opportunities for air wing Marines who join.

“I was active duty but I wanted to get further in school so i joined the reserves,” said Sgt. Nicholas Debenbdetto, an air support operations operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 6 and San Diego native. “I have time to go to school and still be a Marine.

“With 4th MAW, I have experienced so much that will help me further in my career that I probably wouldn’t get to do if I had stayed active duty,” said Debenbdetto.

Marines with 4th MAW are showing the more than nine thousand Marines of Miramar ways to stay faithful to the Corps even if they can not be active duty.

For more visit the Marine Reserve Forces website at <http://www.marforres.marines.mil/>.



The F-5 tiger shark is displayed at the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing recruiting display during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13. 4th MAW has many squadrons all over the country to support active duty training and operations.



Above: An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 764 is displayed at the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct, 13. Right: Maj. Greg Greiggeham, a pilot with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 764 and a Scottsdale, Ariz., native, speaks to people about the “Way Ahead” 4th MAW recruiting display during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13.



Above: Sgt. Nicholas Debenbdetto, an air support operations operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 6 and a San Diego native, helps a child talk on the communication system in a simulated direct air support center at the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing recruiting display at the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 13.

Below: A 7-ton truck with 4th Marine Aircraft Wing is displayed at the 4th MAW recruiting display during the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct, 13. Even though 4th MAW is a reserve unit, it trains with the same vehicles and aircraft as its active duty counterpart.





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